



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

OCTOBER 2002

GENERAL ELECTION
TOWN OF INDIALANTIC
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

ELECTION 2002

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2002. Indialantic voters will be asked to elect a Mayor and two Council members, each for a two year term.

Mayor (Vote for One)

- o Robert L COCHRAN, Jr
- o Daniel S. TROTT

As a result of the reapportionment of districts within Brevard County, a new precinct has been added to a portion of the Town. Residents on the north side of Watson Drive are now located within voting precinct 215 represented by County Commission District 5, currently held by Jackie Colon. The remainder of the Town will stay in voting precinct 50 which is represented by County Commission District 3, currently held by Nancy Higgs. All electors will vote at Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 106 North Riverside Drive. The polls are open from 7 am to 7 pm.

COUNCIL SEAT 2 (Vote for One)

- o Michael R Fischer
- o Michael McCabe

COUNCIL SEAT 4 (Vote for One)

- o Cliff COOK
- o Victor S KOSTRO

PLEASE VOTE!

Sample Ballots	
Precinct 215	Precinct 50

Candidates Statements		
Mayor	Seat #2	Seat #4

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TO BEGIN

Advanced Life Support (ALS) services will be provided by the Town's Fire/Rescue Department starting mid-October as supported by the voters through a special election last February and approved by the Town Council on March 19.

Fire Chief Tom Barker notes that the Town's three Firefighter/EMTs have been trained and certified as Firefighter/Paramedics, operational policies have been developed, three Firefighter/EMTs have been hired, and capital equipment and supplies have been purchased. The Florida Department of Health has issued a license for the Town to initiate Advanced Life Support non-transport service in mid-October. Previously the Town has provided Basic Life Support (BLS) services with ALS services being provided through the County.



This operational change will enable residents to receive through the Town's Fire/Rescue Department all of the care that has been available through BLS services plus the use of advanced cardiac monitors and the initiation of intravenous access for fluid resuscitation, as well as the administration of critical medications such as anti-epileptic medications for seizure patients, intravenous glucose for the hypoglycemic patients, and emergency cardiac medications. Paramedics can also provide advanced airway management for patients.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

August 20, 2002 Meeting

- approved application for \$50,000 in FRDAP funds to increase handicap accessibility in Orlando Park; authorized the Town Manager to execute the grant agreement documents; amended the five year Capital Improvement Program in support of the application
- adopted Ord. 02-17 changing the name of Miramar Park to Gus Carey Park
- adopted Ord. 02-18 regarding traffic violation penalties
- proclaimed October as "Arts and Humanities Month"
- accepted the recommendation from the Parks,

NEW FACES IN TOWN

- **Atlantic Properties of Brevard** – 114 Sixth Avenue, Ste. 4 – Real Estate
- **Parker Medical Systems** – 105 S. Riverside Dr. – Medical equipment rental
- **5 Pillars Wellness Center** – 141 Fifth Avenue – Training center
- **Hale's Gallery** – 205 Fifth Avenue – Art gallery
- **Flavio Zof**– 414 Fifth Avenue (Island Salon) – Cosmetologist

Recreation, Beautification Committee amending the Town color code

- approved the vendor fee schedule for the 50th anniversary as requested by the Steering Committee
- received information on the status of the child protection system in Brevard County as presented by Kristina Musante, Children's Home Society

September 3, 2002 Special Meeting

adopted tentative millage rate of 5.0089 for FY 02-03 and tentative total budget of \$3,273,677 with a tentative General Fund budget of \$2,714,784

September 17, 2002 Meeting

- adopted Res. 02-07 setting the millage rate for 2002-2003 at 5.0089
- adopted Res. 02-08 setting the total budget amount of \$3,273,677 with a General Fund budget of \$2,714,784 for 2002-2003
- approved a 1.46% rate increase as requested by Harris Sanitation in accordance with the franchise agreement
- approved final budget adjustments for FY-02
- approved encumbering funds from FY-02 unfinished projects to FY-03 budget
- approved FY-03 pay scale
- approved agreement between the Town and the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA)
- accepted piece of land from Florida Tech to add to Lily Park
- approved binding lot agreement for City Tropics Bistro
- approved the temporary closure of the 300 block of Orlando Blvd. on 9/21/02 from 6:00 pm to

- **City Tropics Bistro** – 249 Fifth Avenue – Restaurant
- **China Garden** – 409 Fifth Avenue - Restaurant

FY-03 BUDGET ADOPTED

On September 17, 2002 the Town Council adopted its General Fund budget and millage rate for FY-03.

The total general fund budget of \$2,714,784 includes the net additional cost of the Advanced Life Support program of \$122,241. Also within its framework the budget provides for street resurfacing, replacing radios for police and fire, replacement of storm water drainage pipes and pay increases based on the new pay scale as approved by the Council.

Many thanks to the members of the budget and Finance Committee for their direction and input in formulating this budget. Copies of the budget are available for public review in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

REVENUE SUMMARY

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 969,188
Licenses-Permits	57,000
Franchise Fees	165,000
Sales/Use Taxes	405,100
Communications Tax	242,000
Intergov't Revenue	425,914
Service Charges	89,802
Fines-Forfeitures	132,224
Miscellaneous	<u>228,556</u>
TOTAL	\$2,714,784

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Admin./Professional	\$ 263,970
General Services	380,355
Law Enforcement	953,060
Fire Control	432,434
Protective Inspection	103,023
Roads, Streets, Parks	497,951
Rec./Beautification	73,991
Capital improvements	<u>10,000</u>

of Orlando Blvd. on 9/21/02 from 6:00 pm to midnight for a neighborhood party

- adopted Ord. 02-20 amending outdoor display of goods
- adopted Ord. 02-21 amending the Personnel/Civil Service manual to require a 12 month probationary period for police officers
- adopted Ord. 02-22 to allow vinyl walls for dumpster enclosures
- approved schedule of events for the 50th anniversary
- approved ordinances regarding the Town color code and parking area surfacing on first reading

TOTAL

\$2,714,784

CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR

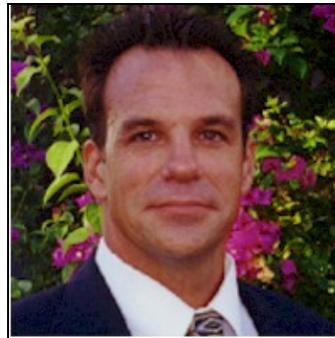


***ROBERT
COCHRAN, JR.***

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Mayor during the past four years. As a resident for over 40 years, I am proud to have participated in

preserving the unique character of Indialantic.

Together we have worked toward a more attractive community focusing on increased code enforcement, maintaining our parks and rights-of-way and resurfacing streets. These efforts have resulted in increased confidence from the private sector as exhibited by its investment in our Town. We have improved access in Orlando Park, constructed a new pier at Riverside Park, and will continue improvements to Douglas Park. We worked closely with the Parks Committee to provide a commemorative town sign in the Fifth Avenue median at SR-A1A in observance of our 50th Celebration which is scheduled for mid-November.



***DANIEL
TROTT***

As a candidate for Mayor I would like to thank everyone for their support and positive feedback concerning this campaign. I'm confident that together we will make a difference.

Collectively we will maintain our town according to our visions. We can work side by side to preserve the natural beauty of our environment, and the residential character of our beachside community while simultaneously encouraging and supporting our business community.

I have a Bachelors degree in Aviation Management. My background in management, the aviation industry, and current position as an airline pilot has taught me leadership skills, and the ability to gather all available information, and to listen to the viewpoints of all concerned parties prior to making decisions. I assure you that each issue presented

With your support we are initiating an Advanced Life Support service through the Town's Fire Department and are pleased to be able to offer high quality police and fire services.

As your Mayor I will continue my "common sense" approach toward government while we work together to prepare for the future. I would appreciate your vote on November 5th.

before the council will be dealt with carefully, thoughtfully, with common sense and an emphasis on *your* opinions and concerns.

During this years election it's important to realize that for the first time in several years you are being presented with choices for your elected officials. You must decide; will it be business as usual or is it time for a change

It will be my pleasure to work for *you*.

Remember, "You're the Boss"!

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SEAT #2



**MIKE
FISCHER**

In 1998 most of you received a flier from the Indialantic Committee for Responsible Government. The first line read,

"INDIALANTIC IS IN TROUBLE AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!" The objective of this committee was to support the election of individuals "... who will return to our Town to an ethical and fiscally responsible form of government". I was one of those supported by this committee. During my term in office we have accomplished the following:

- millage rates have remained constant at 4.8451 until this year, when the tax rate increased to 5.0089. This increase comes as a voter-approved referendum to support Advanced Life Support (ALS).
- We have received over \$1.3 million in grants. These funds were used to improve our parks, make repairs from hurricanes, make repairs and improvements to our storm drainage system and purchase a Reverse 911 system to name a few. These costs would have been paid for by our taxes, without grant funds.



MIKE McCABE
900 S. Miramar Ave., #12

Mike has been a resident of Indialantic for the past 17 years and has been active in the community as a member of the Zoning and Planning Board and the Board of

Adjustment.

Mike is employed with the City of Palm Bay, currently as a Professional Engineer. While working full time, Mike attended BCC and UCF, traveling to Orlando to receive his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.

His qualifications include over 15 years in municipal government working with development and regulation issues relative to stormwater runoff reduction, transportation improvements, and recreational development. Mike's interaction with residents and other agencies produces results. He has a "find the answer" approach to solving today's problems and the future's progress.

Mike is seeking this position to be a part of the solution and not the problem. There is nothing for him to gain but experience if elected to this position.

- A five-year Capital Improvement program with a budget of over \$3.5 million dollars has been established.

I would like to continue my service to our town. I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

Thank you, Mike Fischer

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL SEAT #4



CLIFF COOK

Major tax increases approved and projected, stalled revitalization of 5th Avenue, and non-representation of our citizens by the present Town Council greatly concern me.

Voters knew the ALS system required a 5% millage rate property tax increase, and the 5.38% increase in 2001 covered that. Now, **another 10% increase was passed** in July, and even **more 10% tax increases have been projected!**

Revitalizing 5th Avenue into a place where residents can take a comfortable evening stroll, dine, or shop in a small-town atmosphere, with easy parking and a food market instead of glass palaces, can raise revenues from new successful businesses.

But unwise Council spending



VICTOR S. KOSTRO

Since completing a resigning Council member's term of office in April of 2000, I have had the opportunity to personally meet many of my neighbors, the residents and employees of the Town of Indialantic. Almost all have been supportive. To all of you, my sincere thanks and my hope that we continue talking.

My wife Lorraine and I and our three children have been residents since 1994. I have previously served the Town as Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board. I am a practicing attorney in Melbourne with a business and accounting background.

As an incumbent seeking his second term, I pledge to earn your trust each day. I ask for your vote on November

decisions, like giving the Town Attorney a \$10+ per/hour raise, the Manager a raise, extending his unexpired contract until 2006, and approving a \$5000 study concerning oceanfront development by the Cochran family, waste tax dollars.

Lastly, granting variances to the Mayor's family despite packed rooms speaking unanimously against it, and retaining the Town Attorney (with a raise!) despite a recall petition and complaints to the Manager, is not representing the citizens.

The remedy is electing Council members who are independent and will work **for** our citizens. I therefore ask for your vote. Thank you!

5, 2002, so that I may continue to serve the Town and each and every one of you. If elected, I will listen carefully to the residents and all Town departments so we continue to receive the benefits of a well functioning local government. I will continue to bring a "legal" eye and perspective to Town Council business.

Please feel free to contact me via Town email to discuss what is important to you. Thank you.



POLICE BEAT

We have recently experienced an increase in the number of animal complaints received by the police department. Most of the complaints involve dogs running loose, defecating/urinating on either public property or the property of others, being walked on the beach or in the Town parks, and excessive barking

Dogs must be leashed while being walked. No domestic animals (including cats) are permitted to run loose or to "do their business" on public property, including streets and sidewalks, or the private property of others without the owner's permission. They are not allowed in any town park or on the beach even if leashed. We would like to remind all residents that the above activities are violations of

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Roundup

Homeowners will have the opportunity to turn in unwanted pesticides, pool chemicals, fluorescent lamps, batteries, used motor oil and old paint. Home electronic equipment, such as computers, monitors, fax machines, printers and televisions will also be accepted. These items contain toxic substances which can not only cause health problems for users but also environmental damage when thrown out.

Sponsored by the Board of County Commissioners, the Hazardous Waste Roundup provides a convenient

the above activities are violations of both town and county ordinances and could subject the pet owner to penalties including fines and/or criminal charges.

These regulations are in place to ensure the health and safety of all residents, visitors, and the pets themselves. Unfortunately, the police department responds to far too many accidents involving vehicles and animals that are allowed to run loose. Please help us reduce the number of animal complaints by being a responsible pet owner. If you have any questions regarding this subject I encourage you to read chapter four, "Animals and Fowl" of the Indialantic code of Ordinances. All of the town ordinances can be found online at www.indialantic.com.

Chief Troy Morris

CODE AWARENESS

This column is intended to inform the residents of ordinances which may not be known. Please be an informed citizen and help keep our Town beautiful.

Sec. 5.5-65. Trash container areas. All trash containers shall be maintained in a manner so as to provide maximum screening on all sides exposed to public view. The screening shall also be maintained in good condition and free from deterioration. For all residential districts, trash container areas shall be to the rear of the front building

opportunity to reduce hazardous wastes around the house. Drop offs for the annual Roundup are

Saturday, October 19
Hoover Middle School
2000 Hawk Haven Dr.
Indialantic

Saturday, October 26
Palm Bay High School
101 Pirate Lane
Melbourne

This service is free to homeowners. Both locations will be open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm only.

Also remember, residents of Indialantic can bring some hazardous substances to the Public Works Department for disposal. Please contact the department at 984-5224 to confirm what they can accept and to make sure someone will be available to receive the materials.

Public Works Update – Ron Cassedy

On most streets within the Town the right-of-way extends 15 to 20 feet from the edge of the pavement.

The right-of-way is intended to be used for utilities such as stormwater drainage, water lines, telephone, television and electric cables, gas lines and sewers. These utilities may already exist or may be installed in the future.

This area is public property and is controlled by the Town Code of Ordinances. Please check these ordinances before you disturb any portion of the right-of-way.

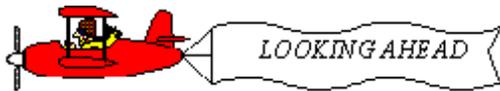
MESSAGE FROM MELBOURNE:

line.

Sec. 5.5-71. Fences and walls. All fences and walls shall be kept upright, without gaps, broken section or holes that are not part of the fence or wall design and free from deterioration.

The Melbourne Utilities Department, which maintains fire hydrants in the Town, is requesting homeowners to focus lawn sprinklers so that they do not spray fire hydrants. This request is made to lessen corrosion associated with the hydrant.

The Department would also like to remind residents that children riding bikes to school on sidewalks that are being sprinkled may dart out into the street to avoid the water. Running irrigation systems in the late evening or very early hours of the morning could prevent a possible accident.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

- November 11th – Veteran’s Day
- November 28th & 29th – Thanksgiving
- December 24th & 25th - Christmas

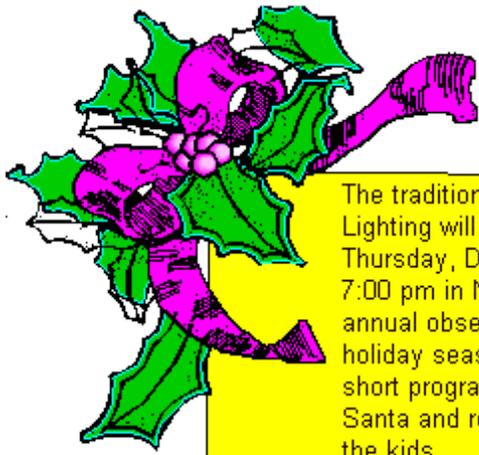
The Town will be hosting the 7th Annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th from 4 pm to 8 pm. The happenings will again feature a hay ride from the Fire Station and a Haunted House that will provide some unexpected Halloween surprises! There will be refreshments, entertainment, games and prizes furnished at no charge.



Sponsors are needed to work the games and refreshment stations. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Loren or Gabrielle Strand at 795-3457. Come join the fun on Fourth Avenue behind Town Hall.

OCTOBER		
1	8:00 AM	Anniversary
Committee		
8	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
15	7:00 PM	Town Council
22	5:30 PM	Zoning Board
23	10:00 AM	Pension Board
30	7:00 PM	Code
Enforcement		
NOVEMBER		
5	8:00 AM	Anniversary
Committee		
12	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
19	7:00 PM	Town Council
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and
Planning		
DECEMBER		
10	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
17	7:00 PM	Town Council

The Volunteer Fire Department meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department, 216 Fourth Avenue



The traditional Holiday Tree Lighting will take place Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 pm in Nance Park. This annual observance of the holiday season will include a short program, a visit from Santa and refreshments for the kids.

ANNUAL TOWN CANDIDATES
FORUM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2002
- 7:30 pm
INDIALANTIC TOWN HALL

As a service to the voters of Indialantic, the Indialantic Homeowners' Association sponsors an annual public forum to acquaint the residents with the candidates for Mayor and Council. This year there are six participants. This is a public meeting to which all Indialantic residents are invited.

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